

# Local Internet Governance Initiatives in Africa

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# The Process

BoF

Kenya ICT Stakeholders Forum

National Online Forums

Kenya

Uganda

National Face to Face Internet Governance Meetings

Kenya

Uganda

Tanzania

Rwanda

East Africa Internet Governance Forum

# The Vision

- Vision Statement

*Opening the Internet Governance Debate in  
East Africa:  
“Thinking Globally; Acting Locally”*

# ..The Vision

- Objectives
  - To raise awareness of Internet Governance issues among policy makers and stakeholders in the East Africa Region
  - To establish which Internet Governance issues are relevant to East Africans
  - To build consensus and national and regional positions around relevant Internet Governance issues and
  - To share the outcomes of the regional forum with the 2008 global IGF in Hyderabad, India.

# IG Forum Thematic Areas

- **Access** - Supply, Demand and Development
- **Content** - Development, Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), Localisation
- **Management of Critical Internet Resources**
- **Cybersecurity, Privacy and Trust**
- **Governance** - Participation in Internet Governance

# East Africa IG Priority Issues..

- Universal affordable Access
  - Access to infrastructure
  - Affordable access to relevant local Content
  - Multi lingualism/Localisation
  - National and regional Internet exchange points

# ..East Africa IG Priority Issues..

- Capacity and skills development
  - Strengthening knowledge base/understanding of IG issues both policy and technical
  - Increase size and quality of local contributions to international IG policy processes
  - Develop local community expertise



# ..East Africa IG Priority Issues..

- Legislative frameworks that will create an enabling environment for creation and innovation
  - Provision of legal and regulatory frameworks for use of ICTs for development in the region
  - Harmonisation of legal and regulatory frameworks

# ..East Africa IG Priority Issues..

- Critical internet resources
  - IPv6 transition
  - Management of Internet Resources
  - New gTLDs and IDNs
  - Collaboration and sharing of best practices and procedures
  - ccTLD's and re-delegation of dot UG and RW

# ..East Africa IG Priority Issues..

- Cyber crime, security and privacy
  - Creating a national and regional framework
  - Protecting national/regional internet infrastructure
  - Protecting personal information
  - Spam
  - E-crime and security legislation
  - Regional CERT and CSIRT

# Taking Stock

- Have we realised Vision? Milestones?
  - Online Forums
  - National Forums
  - Regional Forum
  - East Africa Report
  - Global IGF – next week!
  - Ditto in 2009? Tanzania!

# The Way Forward

- Annual Events
  - National IGF's
  - Regional IGF (EAIGF 2009 Tanzania)
- Deliverables
  - Address Priority Issues
  - Incorporate Issues in National/Regional Information Agenda
  - NOT only “Talk the Walk” but also “Walk the Talk”

# The Team

- Civil Society (KICTANet, SWOPNet, CIPESA, WOUGNET, I-Net, APC, EAICT4D...)
- ccTLD Community (KENIC..)
- Government (KICTB, CCK, RITA, RURA, RDG, TCRA...)
- Private Sector/Industry (TESPOK..)
- Academia (Strathmore University, KCCT..)
- International Orgs (ICANN, ITU, ISOC, AfriNIC..)
- Donors: IDRC

**Asante!**

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